case may be to their own religion before the marriage is solemnised. Such a practice of converting people cannot be insisted upon after the passing of this bill. So if certain communities disapprove of this bill, it is because there will be less chances of conversion to their own religion. If a man has to infringe the rules of the church by marrying outside his community and gets himself excommunicated he can get out of the church and go to another church or follow a different religion. I would, therefore, very strongly support this bill.

The motion was put and carried.

Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): Before the honourable member moves for the third reading of the bill, I may be permitted to suggest an amendment. In the short title of the bill, the figures 1117 may be substituted by the figures 118, because it is certain that it cannot become law this year.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: I accept it.

The amendment was passed. The bill was passed with the amendment.

THE TRAVANCORE HINDU WOMEN'S RIGHTS TO PROPERTY BILL.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha cum Devicolam*) I beg to move that the Travancore Hindu Women's Rights to Property Bill be allowed to be continued and again be referred to the Select Committee.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: I second it.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Two of the members of the already constituted Select Committee have entered Government service. So other members should be substituted.

President: Can we substitute others?

Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai: No, there must be a motion.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: I move that Messrs. T. Krishna Pillai and Boothalingom Pillai be substituted for those members of the committee who have joined government service.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: I second it.

Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai: There is no objection.

The motion that the bill be referred to a select committee with Messrs. T. Krishna Pillai and Boothalingom Pillai also in the committee in the place of the two members who have entered Government service, was put and carried.

RESOLUTIONS ON MATTERS OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: I think the two resolutions Nos. 1 and 5 can be taken together.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai: These resolutions must be taken in the order in which they are printed on the agenda.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Sir, I rise to move that "this Council recommends to Government that in view of the abnormal price of all necessaries, particularly rice and kerosene oil, all Government servants drawing a pay of Rs. 15 and less per mensem and the teachers of all grant-in-aid schools be given a dearness allowance amounting to not less than 12½ per cent. of their salary till one year after the termination of the present war."

Sir, while congratulating the Government on the steps they have already taken for affording relief by way of a dearness allowance to the extent of Re. 1 to all Government servants who draw a pay of Rs 14 and below, I have to request the Goverhment to extend this dearness allowance not only to those who draw a pay of Rs. 14 but also to those who draw Rs. 15 and below and to go still further and give the same allowance to all teachers of the grant-in-aid schools. Some honourable members may ask me why I have fixed on Rs. 15 and my answer to them is that I have taken this criterian because on more than one occasion many honourable members of this House have pointed out that the lowest pay of a Government servant must be fixed at Rs. 15

Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai: Is there any Government servant who draws Rs. 15 as salary?

Mr. K M. Kesavan: Yes, there are many.

The Director of Public Instruction might at this time turn up and ask me what has Government to do with teachers of the grant-in-aid schools. I do realise that they are not strictly speaking Government servants. But if you look at it, indirectly they also can be called Government servants because they do not, as I understand, get anything more than what is given as grant-in-aid to each school through the Managers. Very often their lot is still worse,

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: May I ask whether in many cases they are not Government servants' servants?

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Yes, in certain cases, that is the truth and I am glad that the honourable member has pointed that out.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail: Has not the Government consented to give a dearness allowance of Re. 1 to those who receive a salary below Rs 15?

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: I have already conceded the point raised by my honourable friend and Government have already allotted Rs. 2 lakhs for that purpose.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly